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SUBJECT: FOOD LABELLING LAWS IN SELECTED FOREIGN COUNTRIES

1. CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING STATE OF ART OF FOOD LABELLING REGULATIONS IN SELECTED FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

2. SENATOR WARREN G MAGNUSON, CHAIRMAN OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION, REQUESTED CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT TO ASSESS SELECTED PROVISIONS OF S.2540, THE CONSUMER FOOD ACT. CONSUMER FOOD ACT IS DESIGNED TO QUOTE PROVIDE CONSUMERS WITH GREATER ASSURANCE THAT FOOD THEY EAT IS SAFE AND WHOLESOME AND TO PREVENT CONSUMER DECEPTION AND CONFUSION BY REQUIRING UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPREHENSIVE AND INFORMATIVE FOOD LABELLING. END QUOTE. INITIALLY OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT IS FOCUSING ON OPEN DATING COMPONENT OF FOOD LABELLING SUBJECT.

3. ONE OBJECTIVE OF THIS ASSESSMENT IS TO DETERMINE STATE OF ART OF FOOD LABELLING IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND UNDERTAKE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF LAWS AND IMPLEMENTATION TECHNIQUES

WITH THOSE BEING DEVELOPED IN USA. OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT REQUESTING ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON HOST COUNTRY FOOD LABELLING LAWS AND IMPLEMENTATION TECHNIQUES. INFORMATION SOUGHT SHOULD RELATE TO FOLLOWING COMPONENTS OF FOOD LABELLING SUBJECT: A. NUTRITION LABELLING. B. OPEN DATING OR DATE MARKING OF PROCESSED FOODS. C. INGREDIENT LABELLING. D. NET WEIGHT LABELLING. E. OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE. FOLLOWING SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS REQUESTED.

1. DOES HOST COUNTRY CURRENTLY HAVE LAWS OR REGULATIONS ON FOUR COMPONENTS OF FOOD LABELLING SUBJECT OUTLINED ABOVE? IF YES, INDICATE NATURE OF LAWS OR REGULATIONS AND FORWARD COPY OF RELEVANT INFORMATION TO USDA/FAS/ETSD.

2. IF HOST COUNTRY DOES NOT HAVE LAWS OR REGULATIONS IN THIS AREA, ARE THEY CONTEMPLATING ESTABLISHING LAWS IN FUTURE? RELEVANT TO WHICH COMPONENT OF FOOD LABELLING SUBJECT?

3. HOW DO EXISTING LAWS OR REGULATIONS AFFECT IMPORTS OF PROCESSED FOODS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES? DO THEY REPRESENT MAJOR CONSTRAINT TO US EXPORTS?

4. WHAT ARE MEANS USED TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE TO LAWS AND REGULATIONS? WHAT PENALTIES ARE PRESCRIBED FOR NON-UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPLIANCE?

INDICATE SOURCE OF YOUR INFORMATION AND NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

4. RESPONSES TO THIS REQUEST WILL ALSO BE OF VALUE IN ASSISTING US FOOD INDUSTRY IN DETERMINING SUITABILITY OF THEIR PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT TO FOREIGN MARKETS. PLEASE OBTAIN ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF ALL LAWS OR REGULATIONS IF POSSIBLE.

5. CABLE RESPONSE ASAP WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FORWARDED BY AIR POUCH. REQUEST BEING COORDINATED THRU AGRIC/FAS/ETSD. THANKS. CHRISTOPHER

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